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ALMA

Phelan Park, the new villa, was formally transferred to the Society on May 24, 1939.

Father Rector's mother died during July. He had the consolation of receiving her into the Church a few days before she died.

August 4 Brother George Feltes left for Alaska, taking with him considerable radio equipment largely assembled by himself. He plans to establish complete radio communication between the Alaskan missions and the states. A new General Electric welding outfit is among the gifts which he secured for the missions.

Schola Brevis will be Sept. 11. Forty first-year theologians are expected, 18 Californians, 18 from Oregon, 4 from other provinces.

Returned from the Gregorian, Father Bart O'Neill will handle short course dogma, and Father Jerome Sullivan will teach fundamental.

A set of medieval liturgical vestments was among the ordination presents.

Father Budde was superior of the new villa at Phelan Park for the theologians and again for the regents.

Mr. McKee was instrumental in saving the life of a boy who was overwhelmed by tons of sand in a cave-in near Phelan Park.

Mr. Raber is in Spokane recuperating from a serious sinus infection. Mr. Carr has returned from a long siege in the hospital. Fr. Erwin Toner, a victim of arthritis, spent the summer at Phoenix.

Fr. Hagemann gave the regents' retreat. Fr. White gave the laymen's retreats at Mt. St. Michael's and at Los Angeles. Fr. Donnelly gave the Juniors' retreat at Sheridan and at Los Gatos.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Nearly 200 lay retreatants made the Exercises at Loyola University during the summer. The 8 retreats were directed by Fathers Stack, L. Malone, Whelan, Casey, McQuillan, White, G. Kelly (Mo. Prov.), Laherty.

Under the Presidency of J. Walter Clune, a Loyola Alumnus, the Damien Retreat Association of Hawaii has been inaugurated by Father McCummiskey in Honolulu.

Father Vaughan writes from Hawaii that the Missions and Retreats conducted by Father McCummiskey and himself are being well attended and received. His Excellency, Bishop Alencastre, requested the Provincial to extend the stay of the Fathers for two more months, so as to preach on all the Islands. The two Fathers will have worked very hard for over five months.

Two Loyola students have been accepted for the Society, and two others for the Archdiocesan Seminary at Camarillo.

Father J. Gaffney is Minister; Father Hanlon, Dean of Men; Father Casassa, Professor of Ethics. Mr. Fleming will make private studies at the University; Messrs. Benecke, Gilligan, Graham and Ingersoll have been added to the Faculty.

During the past year 2 students were baptised, 5 made their First Communion, 11 were confirmed.

Father Buschor was Spiritual Father at the Phelan Park Villa.

Father Spearman was assistant pastor for three weeks in Reno. Father Madigan was chaplain at a Boy Scouts' Camp on Catalina Island. Father Maginnis spent the summer in Mono Co., which during the year is without a priest.

Father Hanlon helped in St. Ignatius, Los Angeles, where Loyola High and University started in 1922. There are 700 families in the parish. Three days a week Communion si taken to the sick to three different groups. A seminarian drove Father Hanlon for two hours the day he had his turn bringing Communion to the sick.

A rare copy of the Life of St. Ignatius, printed in 1633, was given to the Library by Mr. Louis Ward Watkins, Past President of the Maecenas Club.

Father Rossetti was invited by the Reno Chancellor to act as Assistant Priest to Bishop Gorman on Bishop Manogue Day in Virginia City.

The "History of Greek Philosophy" written by Father Heney will be the text for this course at the University.

LOYOLA HIGH

Eight Sodalists attended the Sodality's Summer School of Catholic Action, in Denver, Colorado. They were complimented by Father Lord on their pep and ability. They won first and second places on the Amateur Night program. They were chaperoned by Mr. Odou, S.J.

The Archdiocesan Union of Sodalities, under the direction of Father Charles Leahy, held a Leadership Forum, August 28-September 1. Fathers Leahy, Falvey and Flynn lectured on Leadership, and also the Archdiocesan Directors of Schools and Music.

Father C. Leahy is a leading member on the Drive for Decency in Reading.

The Mission Committee under Mr. Fader, collected in May, June and July, over $1000.00 worth of medical supplies for our Missions in China. The exhibit filled the school library; it was visited by leading Sodalists from other schools who were inspired to a similar campaign.

Loyola Sodalists placed third in the annual Archdiocesan Drive for "The Tidings."

The football field has been returfed. The front road and the indoor baseball fields have been paved with asphalt.

Father Fennell was selected by the Archdiocesan Director of Studies to help make a syllabus on Religion for High Schools.

Messrs. Jacobs and Gruye took a summer course in chemistry at U. S. C.

The R.O.T.C. was rated by the U. S. Government in the upper third of all the units in California. It is the largest unit in Southern California.

Father Regan has been slowly dying during July and August at the Mercy Hospital, San Diego, where he had been chaplain. Father Rector visited him weekly, the Bishop almost daily. During the summer he was attended by Father Peter Nolan, S.J., of West Baden philosophate. Father Nolan at the request of the Bishop worked among the Mexicans in San Diego.

Father Bradstreet's address will be Georgetown University until a separate house is secured for those attending the Catholic University. Due to lack of accommodations Georgetown could take only one of our men.

LOS GATOS

For August 14, 20 novices entered: Azadain, Coughlin, Delose, Devine, Donohoe, Gray, Herrlich, Kristovich, McKinnon, Maginnis, O'Hanlon, Oliva, O'Toole, Pauson, Sanders, Shiffer, Schulz, Terry, Trame, and Tupy.

Father Daze was installed as Rector on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

August 8, Father Master underwent a minor operation at O'Connor Sanitarium and took a much-needed rest.

Father Kropp, teacher of Greek, is completing a 10-week summer course in the classics at Stanford.

Father Hingston of Canada gave the Juniors and Novices four lectures on the De la Taille theory of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

A bronze statue of St. Ignatius, the gift of Father Paul O'Brien's parents, has been placed in the Ignatian Gardens.

Brother Walsh has taken Brother Arturi's place as head gardener.

SAN FRANCISCO

Father Preston was Superior of the Scholastics during summer school. They took their meals in the high school building.

Father Feely has been appointed Dean of the Arts College with Father Giambastiani as Assistant. Father Preston is Treasurer and Secretary; Father Schechtel is Librarian.

Four of our students from the college have been awarded scholarships in eastern universities.

In our church Father Harney preached the Novena of St. Ignatius, and Father Paul O'Brien, the Novena of the Sacred Heart. Father Giambastiani preached the Mt. Carmel Novena for the Mexican Carmelites.

Father Paul McNally of Georgetown U. preached at the Silver Jubilee of the dedication of our church on August 6.

Fathers Cody and G. Leahy visited many institutions regarding the working of the Sodality, and attended the Catholic Action Summer School in San Antonio.

Father Harold Collins, a secular priest teaching religion in our high school, has been made a Monsignor. He is also secretary to the Archbishop.

U. S. F. Summer School

Lay Students—Day	93
Evening	25
Scholastics	59
Brothers of Mary	9
Nuns	9
Clergy (Franciscan)	1
Total Registration	196

The Faculty included: Father Joseph Slattery, S.J. (N. Y. Prov.), M. A. from Cambridge, who gave two courses in English. Dr. Malcolm Macdonald, A.B., (summa cum laude) from U. S. F.; Ph. D. in Political Science from Harvard; at present Instructor in Political Science at U. of Texas; gave two courses in Political Science. Father A. Falvey, S.J., gave two courses in Applied Ethics. Father John Bannon, S.J., (Mo. Prov.) gave a course in History.

SANTA CLARA

The Teachers' Retreat, July 28 p. m.-Aug. 7 a. m., given by Father Hagemann, was made by more than 100: 80 Scholastics, 20 Brothers, 3 Fathers.

Joseph P. Kelly of the New York University has been added to the Law Faculty.

Registration for 1939-40 promises to approximate the 520 of '38-'39.

Father Henly Walsh has been given a year's leave of absence to write his history of the Catholic Church in the Mother Lode Country. For many months he has been interviewing pastors and old timers in the Sacramento diocese, and consulting documents on the early days of the Church in the mining towns of the Mother Lode region.

Father Shipsey taught courses in literature at the Gonzaga Summer Session.

Father Fagothey taught History of Philosophy at the U. S. F. Summer Session.

Father Corbett acted as assistant at Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood, during the summer.

Mr. Benecke attended Stanford Summer Session in German.

Mr. Weckbach from Loyola University will specialize in Physics at Stanford.

BELLARMINE PREP

Father Rice conducted a retreat for Laywomen at Belmont in June and one for the Sistors of Notre Dame at Watsonville toward the end of August.

Rev. Fr. Rector attended the Principals' Meeting at Santa Clara in July.

During the summer a well was dug on the property 255 feet deep. Water was struck at 50 feet but it was thougnt desirable to go to the greater depth to assure a good supply. The last 35 feet proved very good sand and gravel areas with plentiful water.

Father Franchi was chaplain at the Boy Scout Camp at Big Sur for six weeks. At the Boy Scout Camp held on Steven's Creek Father Robidoux acted as the camp Chaplain.

A new bicycle path is being constructed under Father Rice's direction through the new gardens being laid out in the north-east corner of the College Park campus. Several hundred yards of dirt were dumped by the WPA to fill in declivities.

Kotska Hall was redecorated interiorly during the summer months and the resident students' quarters were renovated.

VARIA

Fathers Hilary Werts and O'Callaghan are to leave New York on the Queen Mary on October 4. They go to Rome.

Father s Corcoran and McGloin sailed from New York on August 8th.

Father Ring gave the two July retreats at El Retiro for the Sacramento Clergy, 37 in one, 36 in the other.

St. Mary's, Moraga, sent 36 Seniors, and U. S. F., 50 Seniors, for their retreats at El Retiro.

At the close of the school year 61 made their First Communion at St. Joseph's; 41 at St. Mary's.

The men going to China appeared singly and together at exercises held for them at Holy Family, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's in San Jose; at St. Clare's, Santa Clara; at St. John's, Blessed Sacrament and at the Cathedral in Los Angeles; at Santa Barbara and at St. Ignatius, San Francisco. Father Moore preached at all these places with the exception of Blessed Sacrament and San Francisco, where Father Laherty was the preacher.

GREETINGS TO FATHER GENERAL

Dilectissimo Patri Nostro
Wlodimiro Ledochowski
Quinquagesimum jam annum in Societate,
Quintum autem et vicesimum
In Universali ejusdem Societatis
Gubernatione emenso,
Socii Provinciae Californiae
Flosculos Pietatis

Grati animi amorisque testimonium,
Ferventiorisque divini obsequii pignus,
Gratulantes cumulatioresque
Divinae Bonitatis gratias adprecantes
Donant, dicant, dedicant:

Actus Caritatis	7,554
Coronas	5,758
Vias Crucis	772
Communiones Sacras	4,530
Communiones Spirituales	4,411
Examina Conscientiae	13,031
Horas Laboris	21,397
Horas Silentii	15,096
Lectiones Pias	5,035
Missas Celebratas	1,916
Missas Auditas	4,778
Mortificationes	11,295
Opera Misericordiae	2,400
Opera Zeli	2,398
Orationes	40,911
Conversationes Pias	4,990
Afflictiones	832
Abnegationem Sui Ipsius	4,391
Visitationes SS. Sacramenti	18,916
Varia	15,634

BROTHER JOSEPH S. GOMES, S.J.

1869 —b. May 28 at Faiol, Azores, of Joseph Gomez and Maria de Gloria.
1898 —Dec. 12, entered Los Gatos.
1898-00—Novice, Los Gatos.
1901 —Jan. 1, Vows—(Fr. Giacobbi).
1900-08—Cowherder, Santa Clara.
1908-14—Refectorian, Santa Clara.
1910 —Feb. 2, Last Vows (Fr. Lydon).
1915-17—Charge of farm, S. Clara.
1917-18—Buyer, Los Gatos.
1918-39—Charge of farm, Los Gatos.
1939 —July 12, died, Los Gatos.

Brother Gomez was at Santa Clara for 17 continuous years, and at Los Gatos for 21 continuous years. During all these years he ever showed himself a faithful and diligent Brother. At Los Gatos besides directing the workmen, he personally labored on the farm and in the vineyards. For years he traveled about the extensive lands on foot to make his inspection, until his failing health caused Superiors to send him on horseback.

He was a devout man, regular at his prayers and daily religious exercises. At Los Gatos on Sundays for many years he made the outdoor stations which then began at the Novices' wing and climbed up the steep hill to the 14th station on the site of the present handball courts above the baseball field. Leisurely and laboriously he made this Way of the Cross.

Habitually his disposition was a gentle one. This is all the more noteworthy, because on rare occasions he showed a strong temper.

He noticeably failed in the last four years and was sent several times to the hospital. On his return to the novitiate he would go out to the farm and busy himself with his work.

He was very devoted to St. Joseph, his patron by name and his model as a Brother. All his major tasks, such as grape-picking or harvesting hay, were started on Wednesday in honor of St. Joseph. He died on a Wednesday. On the Tuesday before his death he knocked at Father Master's door and asked for Extreme Unction. Superior granted the request, never dreaming death was so near. Before the next morning he was dead; he had quietly passed away in his sleep.

The house in retreat at the time, had just made the meditation on death, which was made vivid by Brother Gomez' death.

DEATHS OF OURS

June 3, Fr. Harold Reiley, Pendleton.
July 12, Br. Joseph Gomez, Los Gatos.
Aug. 4, Fr. Gus Dinand, Weston, Mass.

DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Mother of Father Duce.
Uncle of Father Coony.
Rev. Jos. Fink, S.J., brother of Father Louis Fink, S.J.
Mother of Father Hugh Donavon.
Father of Mr. Playoust.

Exivere

John R. Harvey, 2nd year teacher.
Joseph H. Finigan, 2nd year teacher.
Alex. J. Lafferty, 3rd yr. phil.
Francis M. Dougherty, 2nd yr. teacher.